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In re

LAWRENCE CRUMBLY and

KATHERINE R. CRUMBLY,

Debtors.

Case No. 04-33201-C-7

MC No. JHK-1

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW ON MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY

These findings of fact and conclusions of law are rendered in this contested matter pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 52 as incorporated by Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 7052 and 9014. Evidence was taken pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 43(e), as incorporated by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9017 and as invoked by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9014(e).

<u>Jurisdiction</u>

Jurisdiction is founded upon 28 U.S.C. \$ 1334. This is a core proceeding. 28 U.S.C. \$ 157(b)(2)(G).

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#### Findings of Fact

Debtors filed their voluntary chapter 7 petition on November 17, 2004. They scheduled a 2002 Chevrolet Malibu ("vehicle") as property of the estate. The first meeting of creditors was held on December 17, 2004. The chapter 7 trustee filed a report finding that there is property available for distribution from the estate over and above that exempted by the debtor. The court observes that debtors were discharged from all dischargeable debts on February 17, 2005.

On December 19, 2005, Americredit Financial Services, Inc., ("movant") filed a motion, notice, and declaration requesting that this court vacate the automatic stay to permit movant to repossess the vehicle. The Kelley Blue Book value of the vehicle is approximately \$9,675. Movant holds a lien on the vehicle in the approximate amount of \$13,500.02. The court is not aware of any other liens against the vehicle. No opposition to the motion was filed. Upon review of the record, the court determined that the written record was adequate and that no oral argument is necessary.

### Conclusions of Law

The automatic stay of acts against debtors <u>in</u>

<u>personam</u> and of acts against property other than property of
the estate continues until the earliest of the time when the
bankruptcy case is closed, dismissed, or an individual in a
chapter 7 case is granted a discharge. 11 U.S.C. § 362(c).

The automatic stay may be terminated earlier if debtors fail to protect the secured party's interest

adequately, § 362(d)(1), and, with respect to a stay of an act against property, debtors do not have equity in the property, § 362(d)(2)(A), and the property is not necessary to an effective reorganization. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2)(B). The issue of whether the property is necessary to an effective reorganization is not considered in a chapter 7 case because no reorganization is contemplated in a chapter 7 case.

Although the debtors do not appear to have any equity in the vehicle, since the debtors were granted a discharge, the motion for relief from the automatic stay is moot as to the debtors. Thus, the motion will be denied.

However, because the chapter 7 trustee filed an asset report, and filed no opposition to the motion, the motion will be granted as to the trustee.

An appropriate order will issue.

Dated: January 27, 2006

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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